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Det-382 Change of Command

by LCDR David Rollo

Commander Scott "Flipper" Means time as Commanding Officer of Det 382 and time as a member of the Active Naval Service is getting shorter with his Change of Command / Retirement rapidly approaching. Commander Jim "Face" Facinelli will officially take over as Commanding Officer of Det 382 on 10 October 2000 with Commander Tom "Brownie" Brown acting as Executive Officer.

The change of command ceremony and retirement party will take place at the Florabama Lounge on the last Saturday of

Det 382 News

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New Look – As many of you have noticed, Det-382 has a new look. As you may have noticed we have a new patch designed by "Flipper", new name tags and a new office. We sure have come a long ways from the days of 8 Pilots and a desk in the corner.

Fair well – Det 382 recently said fair well to Lt. Lisa Board. Lisa flew T-34's and supported VT-10 for the past 3 ½ years.

Hails – Det 382 would like to hail our newest member Lt. Scott McWeathy. Scott will be supporting VT-10 flying the T-34. During the past year we have also added Lt. Pat Flaherty supporting VT-4 flying the T-34, Lt. Bill Mann supporting VT-10 flying the T-34, and Lt. Mark Sortino supporting VT-4 flying the T-1.

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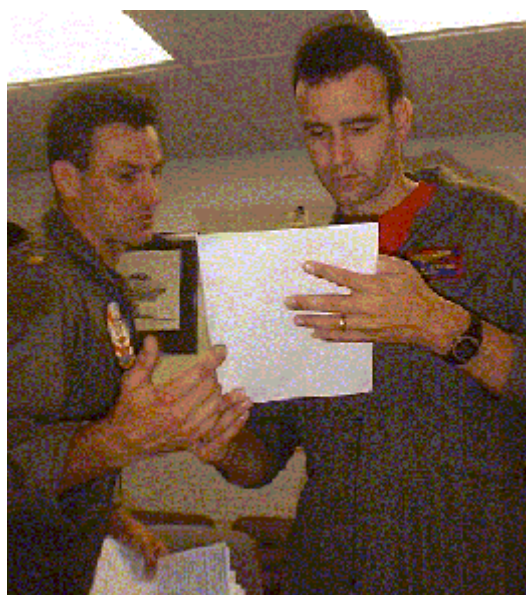
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September (30 September 2000). The festivities and change of command will begin with "Flipper", "Face", "Doc Schwartz" and a few of their not so sane friends skydiving into the Florabama Lounge. The skydive is planned for high noon, with a few words from both "Flipper" and "Face" immediately following.

You are all invited to the Change of Command and Retirement festivities. You are also welcome to skydive with "Flipper" and "Face" on that fateful day. There are plenty of seats and parachutes still available for the brave and reckless alike. Tandem jumps are also available by getting in touch with "Flipper" for scheduling.

Make your reservations soon. There are limited seats available. No window or aisle seats left, exit rows only.



LCDR Dimi Pappas and LT Mark Sortino discuss NR Det 382 support of VT-86 Key West Det.



Featured Instructor

Commander Jim "Face" Facinelli was born and raised in Bethlehem, Pa. He is a graduate of Notre Dame High School (1977), The Pennsylvania State University (1981) B.S. in Business Management and The University of West Florida (1993) MBA.

Commander Facinelli began his Navy career by reporting to Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. where he was commissioned on December 7, 1984. After Commissioning, Face entered Naval Flight Officer training, receiving his "Wings of Gold" in March 1986.

Jim was selected to fly the F-14 Tomcat and reported to VF101 at NAS Oceana, Va. His first assignment was to VF-11 "The Red Rippers" on board the USS Forrestal (CV-59). From 1987 to 1990 he made several deployments to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Indian Ocean. Face flew in support of air operations in the Gulf of Sidra off the Libyan Coast and spent 108 consecutive days on station during the "Ernest Will" Missions in the Persian Gulf.

CDR Facinelli reported to VT-86 in February 1990 as a RIO Instructor flying the T-47 Cessna Citation. Face was part of the transition team that developed the strike fighter syllabus that we know today. He received his initial qualification in the T-39 in 1991. CDR Facinelli concluded his active duty service in October 1993. He was transferred to the United States Naval Reserve and assigned to VTU-8282. As a selected reservist, CDR Facinelli performed numerous active duty periods in

in support of fleet exercises including "ULCHI Focus Lens" in 1994 in Seoul, Korea. In September 1995 Face was selected to be the first NFO reservist ever in the Naval Air Training command. Jim held positions as Administration Officer, Executive Officer and will be NRDET 382's Commanding Officer on October 1, 2000.

Commander Facinelli is employed by State Farm Insurance. He is married to the former Jacqueline Paardenkooper of Moodus, CT. They reside in Pensacola, FL.

Det 382 Contributions

Det 382 continues to answer the question: "What have you done for me lately?" This past quarter has been great, and we have added significantly to our totals for the year. With only one more quarter to go in the fiscal year we are still striving to beat last years totals. With the addition of 90 more days of active duty and 300 additional drills to be used in support of Trawing Six, we should be able to get there from here.

In Fiscal Year 1999 we flew a total of 2359 hours in 1374 sorties and produced 1443 student x's. With the gains we made during the 3rd quarter and the additional drills and active duty we have remaining for the 4th quarter, we should be able to beat last years totals.

So far this fiscal year, we have flown 1681.2 hours, completed 975 sorties, and completed 1083 student x's. The breakdown by squadron is as follows:

VT-4	Hours – 530.7
	Sorties – 256
	X 's – 267
VT-10	Hours – 440.6
	Sorties – 260
	X 's – 277
VT-86	Hours – 709.9
	Sorties – 459
	X 's – 539

Det 382 produces these results with 5 pilots and 1 NFO supporting VT-4, 5 pilots and 1 NFO supporting VT-10, and 6 pilots and 2 NFO's supporting VT-86. We look forward to exceeding last years numbers.